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The Honorable Bourke B. Hickenlooper
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Hickenlooper:

I am deeply grateful to you for your more than gracious letter of 21 August 1950 concerning my leaving the position of Director of Central Intelligence. The rumors, which you have heard about my desire to return to the Navy, are for once correct, and the President has agreed to allow me to return to active sea duty shortly after General Smith takes over on 1 October.

I cannot let this opportunity go by without telling you how much I appreciated the cooperation which you gave us as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, as well as during the most recent period as its ranking Minority Member. Our close cooperation with your Committee, I think, has been a fine example of what can be accomplished in this connection. Your support has always been of the greatest value to me, and I think you realize how much it is appreciated.

With renewed thanks for your good wishes, and wishing you the best of luck, I am

Sincerely,

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